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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequences mailed July 15, 2004, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.